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(WASHINGTON, DC) -- Today, President George W. Bush has vetoed a bipartisan bill which would have reauthorized the Children's Health Insurance Program. Congressman Russ Carnahan (MO-3) released the following statement.

## **CARNAHAN STATEMENT**

"The President's veto of children's health care is a colossal mistake. His actions once again ignore children and families in need, ignore the overwhelmingly bipartisan Congressional votes, and ignore strong public support."

"Now is the time for Congress to break down the barriers put up by the President and his supporters. By overriding his unconscionable veto, children will be able to get the health insurance they so desperately need and deserve."

-Congressman Russ Carnahan